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U.S. RAILROADS SET INTERMODAL RECORD IN 1991

WASHINGTON, January 6, 1992 -- U.S. freight railroads in 1991 set a record for trailers and containers hauled in intermodal service and topped the one trillion mark in ton-miles for the third consecutive year, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads and 97 percent of rail intermodal loadings.

Estimated ton-miles reached 1,034.3 billion in 1991, just 0.1 percent below 1990's record 1,035.6 billion. The ton-mile figure for 1991 could end up surpassing 1990 after final numbers are received and tallied by the AAR.

Intermodal volume totaled 6,243,447 trailers and containers, up 0.6 percent from the 6,206,782 carried in 1990. This is the tenth consecutive year that U.S. railroads have set an intermodal record.

Carloadings for the 52 weeks of 1991 totaled 16,664,461, 4.3 percent less than the 17,415,507 carried in 1990.

Carloadings during the holiday week ended December 28 totaled 229,704, 15 percent above the 1990 holiday week and 32 percent below the preceding non-holiday week. Carloadings originated were up 5.4 percent in the East and 24 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

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From the comparable 1990 week, coal loadings increased by 13,797 cars (19.1 percent); grain loadings rose by 7,631 cars (49.1 percent), and loadings of metallic ores increased by 4,508 cars (36.9 percent).

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- not included in the carloadings -- totaled 82,322 trailers and containers for the week ended December 28, up 0.9 percent from 1990.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended December 28 totaled 14.1 billion, up 16.5 percent from the corresponding week of 1990.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 28, 1991

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 28, 1991	COMPARISON WITH			
		SAME WEEK OF 1990	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	23,187	15,556	49.1 %	32,130	-27.8 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,280	866	47.8	2,177	-41.2
Metallic Ores	16,737	12,229	36.9	18,369	-8.9
Coal	85,941	72,144	19.1	134,047	-35.9
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	4,912	4,425	11.0	10,212	-51.9
Nonmetallic Minerals	6,559	6,118	7.2	8,157	-19.6
Grain Mill Products	8,873	8,164	8.7	10,491	-15.4
Food & Kindred Products	6,433	6,127	5.0	9,551	-32.6
Primary Forest Products	5,325	4,880	9.1	10,246	-48.0
Lumber & Wood Products	3,376	3,194	5.7	5,597	-39.7
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	11,022	10,707	2.9	9,548	15.4
Chemicals	22,277	22,987	-3.1	29,382	-24.2
Petroleum Products	3,839	3,291	16.7	5,429	-29.3
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5,275	5,460	-3.4	7,045	-25.1
Coke	5,503	4,635	18.7	5,160	6.6
Metals & Products	7,193	7,431	-3.2	9,764	-26.3
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	4,236	4,152	2.0	16,080	-73.7
Waste & Scrap Materials	4,447	3,935	13.0	8,082	-45.0
All Other Carloads	3,289	3,396	-3.2	6,418	-48.8
Total	229,704	199,697	15.0 %	337,885	-32.0 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 28, 1991			CUMULATIVE: 52 WEEKS ENDING DECEMBER 28, 1991		
	1991	1990	CHANGE	1991	1990	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	229,704	199,697	15.0 %	16,664,461	17,415,507	-4.3 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	39,003	43,108	-9.5	3,209,239	3,451,953	-7.0
Containers	43,319	38,473	12.6	3,034,208	2,754,829	10.1
Total	82,322	81,581	.9	6,243,447	6,206,782	.6
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	14.1	12.1	16.5 %	1,034.3	1,035.6	-.1 %

NOTE: Carloadings are estimated for: Week 52, 1991 - PLE, SP & TM; Week 51, 1991 - PLE; Week 50, 1991 - PLE.

WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
BY COMMODITY
FOR 52 WEEKS, 1991 AND 1990

	1991	1990	Percent Change
Grain	1,382,494	1,437,942	-3.9
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	88,323	92,865	-4.9
Metallic Ores	846,197	906,142	-6.6
Coal	6,491,910	6,679,641	-2.8
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	664,805	770,535	-13.7
Nonmetallic Minerals	448,181	482,195	-7.1
Grain Mill Products	517,523	521,635	-.8
Food & Kindred Products	459,892	451,732	1.8
Primary Forest Products	482,767	501,764	-7.8
Lumber & Wood Products	285,680	319,402	-10.6
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	529,417	543,806	-2.6
Chemicals	1,447,051	1,456,240	-.6
Petroleum Products	256,323	263,917	-2.9
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	463,791	506,978	-8.5
Coke	262,487	295,388	-11.1
Metals & Products	496,722	520,232	-4.5
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	797,447	882,670	-9.7
Waste & Scrap Materials	414,574	438,885	-5.5
All Other Carloads	348,876	343,538	1.6

ESTIMATED REVENUE TON-MILES (IN BILLIONS)

First quarter	254.2	260.4	-2.3
Second quarter	251.7	259.2	-2.9
Third quarter	266.0	257.2	3.4
Fourth quarter	262.4	258.8	1.4
Year	1,034.3	1,035.6	-0.1

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